



SUB-COMMITTEE ON  
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND  
SEARCH AND RESCUE -  
4th session  
Agenda item 1

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION**

**to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment,  
London SE1 7SR, commencing on Monday,  
12 July 1999, at 9.30 a.m.**

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
  - .1 matters relating to the GMDSS Master Plan
  - .2 review of SOLAS regulation IV/15.7 and resolution A.702(17) on Radio maintenance guidelines for the GMDSS related to sea areas A3 and A4
  - .3 operational and technical co-ordination provisions of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) services
  - .4 exemptions from radio requirements
- 4 Ro-ro ferry safety: low-powered radio homing devices for liferafts
- 5 ITU maritime radiocommunication matters
  - .1 Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
  - .2 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference
- 6 Satellite services (Inmarsat and COSPAS-SARSAT)
- 7 Emergency radiocommunications: false alerts and interference

- 8 Matters concerning search and rescue, including those related to the 1979 SAR Conference and the introduction of the GMDSS
  - .1 harmonization of aeronautical and maritime search and rescue procedures, including SAR training matters
  - .2 plan for the provision of maritime SAR services, including procedures for routing distress information in the GMDSS
  - .3 revision of the IMOSAR and MERSAR manuals
- 9 Revision of the HSC Code
- 10 Development of a code on polar navigation
- 11 Work programme and agenda for COMSAR 5
- 12 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2000
- 13 Any other business
- 14 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

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**Notes:**

1 In accordance with the Guidelines on the Organization and Method of Work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC/Circ.816/MEPC/Circ.331):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:
  - (a) documents (including information documents) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents) and documents which require action or decision, by 16 April 1999;
  - (b) non bulky documents, by 14 May 1999; and
  - (c) documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph (a) above containing 4 pages or less, by 28 May 1999. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 45.4 of the aforementioned Guidelines;

- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
  - (a) all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with appendix 5 of the above-mentioned Guidelines;
  - (b) substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
  - (c) information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein; and
- .3 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be accompanied by computer diskettes, preferably in WordPerfect, where available or sent via the Internet as text or in WordPerfect to e-mail address "info@imo.org".

2 The MSC recommended the sub-committees to strictly observe the above provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines which, *inter alia*, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or delegations.

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